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Mr. Wayne Hedberg  
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Dear Mr. Hedberg:

Subject: March 25, 1997 Request for Verification of Permit Status

I have been requested to respond to your letter to Don Ostler and accompanying memo from Mr. Dan Moquin which had some questions regarding regulation of Jumbo Mining Company by the Division of Water Quality (DWQ). Following are answers to the specific questions:

1. Q: What is the relationship between the Division of Environmental Health and DWQ?

A: Before creation of the Department of Environmental Quality on July 1, 1991, the Bureau of Water Pollution Control (BWPC) was part of the Division of Environmental Health. After the new department was created, all the associated statutes and rules were recodified to legally represent this change.

2. Q: According to DWQ records has the [Drum] mine operated since October, 1990?

A: They have not performed any mining operations but legally the mine has remained classified as an existing facility according to UAC R317-6-6.1.

3. Q: Does DWQ presently consider either the existing heaps or the process ponds approvable for operations?

A: No, and Jumbo was informed of this in 1990 and also during their 1991 permit application process.

4. Q: What is the status of any application for a new heap or new ponds?



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A: Evert Lawton, Jumbo's engineering consultant, believes a permit application will be ready by the end of April, 1997. So far we have not seen anything in writing from Jumbo to confirm this.

I hope this answers your questions satisfactorily. Please contact me if you need further information.

Sincerely,

Mark Novak, Environmental Scientist  
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